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—OF THE—

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

KENANSVILLE

Eastern Missionary Baptist Association

—HELD WITH THE—

Bird's Chapel M. B. Church, Duplin County, N. C.

October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1902.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The thirty-second annual session of the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association was held with Bird's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, in Dublin county, N. C., October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1902, and was called to order by Rev. Thomas Parker, moderator. Revs. J. R. Cole and J. T. Bennett, conducted religious services.

Rev. Bennett lined hymn 190 "Alas and Did," etc., Rev. Cole read 10th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, and offered prayer. Second hymn No. 192, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," etc.

The pastor in charge, Rev. W. H. Moore, came forward and bade the ministers, officers and delegates a cordial welcome, and before we left Bird's Chapel, it proved that Rev. Moore made no mistake when he said "we have made ready for this session and for all that may come."

He and the other good people at Bird's Chapel, did their whole duty, and made it pleasant for their many visitors.

The moderator called on Prof. J. N. Bennett, who responded with the following paper:

Bro. Moderator, officers and members of the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

I would be less than a man if I did not kindly appreciate the high honor you have conferred on me today, in delegating to me the destinction of replying on behalf of this great Association, to the address of welcome so ably delivered by our most proficient brother and co-laborer, Rev. W. H. Moore, in this grand cause of the raising of falling humanity, and the restoration of our race to a state of grandure and proficiency.

Brothers, we have come from the fields of arduous labors, bringing to you the fruits of our twelve long months. No hands have labored more faithfully than ours, and the welcome you gave us today we know comes from the hearts of noble men and women, filled with gratitude and carry with it the praises and benedictions, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Journeying from all parts of Wayne, Sampson, Duplin, Pender, and a portion of Hanover, to Bairds Chapel, a striking characteristic of the ancient city, and may from this meeting go up the cry and be resounded from the Cherokee on the west, to Currituck on the east, and from the snow-capped mountains of the north to the balmy Atlantic on the South. "North Carolina for Christ."

Being honored with the pleasure of making the response to the welcome address, I feel nothing more than a servant who has labored hard to help bring the old ship to the 32nd annual session, as it never came in before, laden with the rich trophies of our labor. It brought in its hundreds of dollars this year and yet there is room for many more.

When I look upon these co-laborers coming from their respective place of worship, who have met with many hardships, disappointments and defeats, I remember by one of our late lamented leader, "Guide right, forward march." We went forward surmounting every difficulty, tramping our foe (Satan) under our feet. And sirs, you may feel assured that we most heartily accept your welcome and will prove to you loyal men, christian men, true men, and that we will obey those that are in authority over us, and in our deliberation we will be courteous, with cool heads, right purpose and warm hearts, for we feel when this is done we show our highest appreciation. We accept your welcome sir, and when we shall return to our fields of labor, we will carry with us good news and glad tidings, that we found peace and good will abiding among you and we hope at the 33rd annual session to double the amount of finance brought this year. Let me again thank you for this honor and recognizing your responsibility in the successful management of this grand Association and realizing that the source of all strength and wisdom comes from above, let me ask that you find consolation in these words: "While some will love thee, some will hate thee, while some will flatter thee, some will slight thee, Then cease from man and look above thee; ever trust in God and do the right."

Then the roll of churches was called and the following persons enrolled as delegates:

1 Bear Swamp—W. M. Shaw, Thomas Faison, L. J. Best.

2 Lisbon Street—Revs. W. H. Mainor, W. H. Ashford, A. A. Morresy.

3 Hill's Chapel, Duplin Co.—Virgil Hill, D. A. Edwards, A. L. Thompson.

4 Eastern Chapel—Steve Hatch.

5 Hill's Chapel, Pender Co.—J. F. Walker, H. G. Cruse, R. Cruse.

6 Mt. Holly—J. O. Nixon, Edward Johnson, S. M. Nixon.

7 Chinquepin—A. R. Middleton, A. L. Pickett, M. R. Davis.

8 First Baptist, Bowden—No name to the letter.

9 Snow Hill—I. B. Butler, W. M. Tatem, Cary Parker.

10 Hargrove Chapel—I. W. Ashford, I. O. Hargrove, J. R. Coley.

11 Grove Street—D. A. Williams, J. H. Dobson, Jacob Dobson.

12 Clinton—G. A. Bizzell, Warren Holmes, H. Bunting.

13 Wilmington 1st. Baptist—Rev. I. Nixon, Richard Baskerville.

14 Roseville—Gabrel Striengfield, Jackson Fennell, Rev. P. K. Robinson.

15 Man-Hollow—Alfred King, Wall Everett, W. M. Streater.

16 Union Chapel—S. Fennell, W. B. Henry, Calvin Carr.

17 Piney Grove—J. E. Boykin, W. I. Peterson, A. R. Bennett.

18 Tomahawk—H. B. Carr, M. C. Melvin, J. B. Herring.

19 Bird's Chapel—Rev. W. H. Moore, I. H. Huffman, L. Hall.

20 Peters Tabernacle—S. Herring, Qunce Matthews.

21 Hall's Chapel—M. J. Lee, Peter Johnson.

22 Central Baptist, Wilmington—by letter.

23 Pilgrim Rest—W. T. Newkirk, Amos Andrews, O. Miller.

24 Hallsville—M. D. Hall, Geo. Hall, Ben Thompson.

25 Six Run—E. E. Stevens, S. S. Stevens, Ed. Faison.

26 Elizabeth Chapel—by letter.

27 Steven's Chapel—G. W. Bynum, J. B. Moore, R. Faison.

28 Washington Catherine—S. C. Carroll, J. H. Bryant, J. R. Thomas.

29 Brown's Chapel—George Sampson, David Sampson, D. T. Best.

30 Maysville Chapel—Gethro Swinson, John Gosha.

31 Lane's Chapel—H. Kelly, J. H. Fennell.

32 Mt. Gilead—G. R. Raynor, H. T. Redic, Major Graham.

33 Faison Chapel—C. H. Boykin, R. Chestnut, K. T. Houston.

34 St. Luke—by letter.

35 Shady Grove—by letter.

36 Littlefield—Thomas Merritt, M. D. Merritt, J. T. Merritt.

37 Red Hill—H. C. Underwood, S. J. Mitchell, Byotte Robinson.

38 Beaverdam—H. A. Brewington, G. W. Williams, G. W. McLean.

39 Wilson Chapel—G. S. Wilson, L. R. Corolton, J. D. Fryer.

40 St. John—Wesly Jones.

41 Johnson Grade—B. E. J. Johnson, A. C. Moore, Jr., N. L. Murray.

42 Ingold—T. B. Boykin, J. T. Dean, Willie Wright.

43 St. Paul—Prof. J. N. Bennett.

44 Smith Chapel—L. R. Williams, S. B. Smith, Dudley Smith.

45 Mt. Pleasant—A. F. Butler, M. J. Butler, Rev. I. P. Pearsall.

46 Shoulders Branch—M. H. Newkirk, Titus Newkirk, Rev. J. S. Boney.

47 Island Creek—Rev. G. W. Carr, Willie Nixon, H. Solomon.

48 Cedar Grove—A. J. Carolton, L. Grady, L. Williams.

49 Batson Chapel—George Batts, F. Handy.

50 Love Grove—Alvin Love, Gaston Hansly, A. R. Bunting.

51 Elizabeth Chapel—Anson Boggett, Willie Boggett.

52 Magnolia—O. Borden, I. S. Moore, Richard Marrimon.

On motion of A. R. Middleton, that the following distinguished ministers being present, be made welcome to seats with us, and to all the privileges save that of voting: Rev. J. L. Fennell, Rev. W. H. Moore, Rev. I. Nixon and Dr. J. J. Worlds.

On motion of Rev. H. Lee, that the Association take a recess per program. Benediction by Rev. K. E. Edwards.

FIRST DAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing 402, lined by Rev. K. T. Houston. Rev. J. E. Boykin read division of Psalms and offered prayer. The proceedings of the forenoon session were read and adopted.

The appointment of the following committees were announced:

On Finance:—I. S. Moore, Rev. J. T. Bennett, Wesly Jones, S. C. Carroll and L. J. Best.

On Petitionary Letters:—Rev. J. E. Boykin, Rev. I. Nixon. Bro. H. A. Brewington, Rev. J. T. Dean, Rev. G. W. Bynum.

On Home Mission:—Steven Hatch, Virgil Hill, Dr. J. J. World, Hardy Bunting, C. C. Graham.

On Foreign Mission:—Rev. D. T. Best, Rev. J. L. Fennell, Rev. W. S. Wright, Rev. H. T. Redic, Bro. Gabrel Stringfield, Dr. J. J. World and Bro. I. O. Hargrove.

On Education:—Rev. A. A. Morrisey, Deacon D. A. Williams, Bro. Geo. Sampson, Prof. J. N. Bennett, Fred Hill.

On Asylum:—Ed. Faison. Richard Borden, S. S. Stevens, L. R. Williams, Rev. K. T. Houston.

On Place:—A. L. Thompson, J. B. Moore, S. Fennell, Peter Johnson, Rev. J. R. Coley, S. J. Graves, Richard Baskerville.

On Grievance:—Rev. N. Moore, E. E. Steven, Rev. D. T. Best, G. A. Bizzell, Rev. S. L. Williams, D. A. Williams, Rev. W. H. Moore.

On Ministerial Character:—Dr. J. J. World, Rev. J. T. Dean, Rev. D. T. Best, Rev. J. L. Fennell, Rev. C. T. Underwood, Rev. N. Moore, Deacon Thomas Faison.

On Investigation—Rev. A. C. Moore, Rev. W. C. Cowan, David Edwards, David Sampson, I. W. Ashford.

Then Rev. W. H. Moore introduced to the Association Rev. G. W. Carr of the Middle District Association.

Then the topic, subject: "The proper way to receive members in a Missionary Baptist Church," by Rev. D. T. Best, Rev. W. H. Moore and Dr. J. J. World.

Subject: "Missionary Baptist Faith," by Rev. C. T. Underwood, Rev. Thomas Parker, Deacon D. A. Williams, Rev. J. L. Fennell and K. T. Houston.

The Association took a recess until 7:30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. K. E. Edwards. Benediction by Dr. J. J. World.

FIRST DAY'S EVENING SESSION.

Met at 7:30 p. m., to hear the introductory sermon, preached by Rev. J. H. Rhoe. Rev. S. A. Hargrove lined hymn 425, and read the first division of Psalms, and led in prayer. Then Rev. J. H. Rhoe arose and used for his text the 10th chapter of St. John, 11th verse, "I am the Good Shepard." He handled his

subject masterly and wisely. At the close of the sermon Rev. J. R. Coley led in prayer. A collection amounting to $4.05 was taken up. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Rhoe.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 17, 1902.

The Association re-assembled. Rev. A. A. Morresy and K. E. Edwards conducted religious services. Rev. Morresy read the 6th chapter of Romans, K. E. Edwards led in prayer.

The Moderator stated that the Association was ready to transact business. Roll of Delegates called and the proceedings of yesterday afternoon and evening sessions were read and adopted.

A. R. Middleton introduced to the Association the president of the Middle District Association, Rev. A. Carr, who came forward and gave us a nice little talk; it was wise and witty. He stated he was a delegate to this august body. Rev. J. L. Fennell a delegate from the Middle District Association, made a strong plea for Baptist faith, practice and principal, and for the education of the negro race. Some things John Fennell said, was "if you could educate the negro he would guarantee to you a better class of negroes than has been in the past. He made a strong plea for the establishing of the Magnolia High School, and with his closing remarks he placed 25 cents on the table for this school, and asked for a collection for the same, which amounted to $13.10.

A question arose about gospel order, and Dr. J. J. World was asked to explain, when a church was in gospel order, or out of gospel order; he responded in a five minutes talk. Rev. I. M. Powers paid 25 cents on education.

The subject, "How to best unite the Baptist forces," led by Rev. W. C. Cowan and followed by Rev. J. T. Deans. Then the Association took a recess per program. Benediction by Rev. Simon Wilson.

SECOND DAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met per program. Deacon Simon Stevens lined a hymn. Rev. H. Kelly read the 3rd chapter of Proverbs. Rev. H. T. Redic offered prayer, then the Moderator announced the house ready for business.

Proceedings read and adopted. It was reported the collec

tion at the stand in the forenoon was $1.00. In the absence of Rev. T. D. Best, Rev. A. J. Carolton was called on to speak on the topic, subject "Deacon's position in a Church." Rev. J. S. Boney in place of deacon Ed. Dixon.

Then the subject, "The Qualifications of a Deacon," by Rev. W. Sheffield and deacon Warren Holmes.

Then the subject, "The life a Minister should live to lead a Church," by Rev. S. Devans, Rev. J. H. Rhoe, and Rev. I. M. Powers. The Association took a recess until 7:30 p. m. Prayer by deacon G. R. Raynor. Benediction by deacon D. A. Williams.

SECOND DAY'S EVENING SESSION.

Met at 7:30, to hear an educational sermon, preached by Dr. J. J. World, who was introduced by the Moderator, Rev. Thomas Parker. Rev. World came forward, he took a special subject, "A ministerial calling to preach." He must be educated by the spirit, by good morals and good conduct, he must be qualified in every way to fill the calling of our Lord and Master. He made a masterly sermon and at the close Dr. J. A. Whitted lifted a collection, which amounted to $10.00, which collection was given to Dr. J. J. Worlds. Benediction by Dr. J. A. Whitted.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 18TH, 1902.

Rev. I. Nixon offered prayer, after which the moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The roll of delegates was called and the proceedings of yesterday's afternoon and evening sessions read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Cowan to hear the officers reports. The president made a statement. The vice-president made a statement. The secretary stated that his report was the proceedings which you have had submitted to you. The corresponding secretary made a statement. The treasurer submitted his report, see report.

On motion of A. R. Middleton to make Rev. Henry Carr, and Dr. J. A. Whitted, welcome to seats with us, also Rev. S. Devan and all other visiting brothers. Rev. Henry Carr is a very agreeable minister, and when he commenced speaking of

his past labors in the Master's cause, it was touching to the tender hearts of the brothers, they commenced coming to the table and putting on there pieces of money until they had given him $3.75. The subject of the High School was deferred until the afternoon.

The subject of "mission work in the bounds," by Rev. Thos. Parker and Rev. J. H. Johnson, also Rev. J. T. Deans.

The committee on Home mission made their report, see report. After which Rev. J. A. Whitted, general missionary for the state, was given one hour to lay his work before this association. He gave the association to know that the state was alive to the great mission work. He made a lasting impression on the ministers and brothers, such as their duties to the mission, to their churches, and to the great cause. At the close of his remarks they gave him a collection amounting to $13.00. The address of Rev. J. A. Whitted was responded to by A. R. Middleton.

The report of committee on ministerial character was read and adopted by sections. Sections 1, 2, and 3 was adopted, see report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Paid out this association year:

To Rev. J. T. Dean, Chm. Ex. Com., traveling expenses	$ 5 00
" Rev. Thos. Parker, Pres., traveling expenses	3 66
" G. A. Bizzell, traveling expenses	5 00
" A. R. Middleton, clerk	10 00
" Programs and money orders	2 07
" Mailing programs	65
" Paper	50
" Alfred A. Ryols, sexton	1 50
" K. E. Edwards, Cor. Sec	2 50
" Rev. Simon Wilson	2 00
" Widow, Boshly Brewington,	1 00
" Widow, Pheny Monk,	2 00
" Widow, W. B. F. Kornegay,	5 00
" " " " Donated,	3 00
" Widow, Many Moore,	25
" Widow, Waily J. Moore,	25
" Widow, Mary E. Jacob,	25
" Widow, Mary Goodman,	25
" Widow, Janie Conner,	25
" Thos. Parker, delegate to State Convention	1 00
" J. T. Deans, delegate to State Convention	1 00
" N. Moore, delegate to State Convention	1 00
" Education	2 50
" Printing cards	1 00
" Printing minutes	30 00
" Sending money order	15
" Distributing minutes and express	9 65
" Money order	12
" Faison and return	2 00
" J. T. Deans	1 40
" Thos. Parker	50
" O. D. Holmes	1 10
" A. R. Middleton	1 00
Which makes a total of	$ 96 95

G. A. BIZZELL, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Petitionary Letters:

The following churches petitions to this Association for membership: Island Creek, Pender county; delegate, Rev. G. W. Carr; Cedar Grove, Duplin county; Rev. A. J. Carolton, delegate, and the

Brooklyn Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C., Rev. O. Miller, delegate, and we recommend that they be received in this Association.

Rev. I. Nixon, Rev. G. W. Bynum,
Rev. J. T. Deans, Rev. J. E. Boykin,
Deacon H. A. Brewington, Committee.

Report of Committee on Investigation:

Mr. Moderator and brothers, we ask to submit the following as a report:

We examined the Reform Church St. John, and recommend that this Association receive it, and we further examined into the Hall Chapel case and recommend the Association send a committee down there to investigate the matter.

Rev. W. C. Cowan, Rev. A. C. Moore,
D. A. Edward, D. S. Sampson,
I. W. Ashford, Committee.

And the above report was tabled.

Report of Committee on Place:

We recommended Mt. Gilead as the place for the next Association to convene, but the Association insisted that it should be held in Eastern Chapel, Goldsboro, Wayne county.

A. L. Thompson
For the committee.

We your Committee on Home Mission beg to submit the following report:

We regard home mission, as generally understood, as including both local and state mission, we regard local mission as familiarly important and a sure foundation of all mission, both state and foreign. Every church should be a power for light and usefulness through its entire membership by going out into the highways and hedges and compelling many to come to Jesus by being mutually helpful to the brotherhood and to the suffering world about them. While it is charitable to help, build up the cause of mission.

Steven Hatch, Virgil Hill,
J. A. Whitted, Hardy Bunting,
C. C. Graham, Committee.

We the Committee on Ministerial Character beg leave to submit the following report:

A charge against Rev. I. Pearsall which we investigated and according to evidence, we find nothing against him.

We investigated the rumors against Rev. O. Miller, and by his own statement and confession, we find him guilty as charged, and unfit for the Gospel Ministry according to the scriptures. There-

fore we recommend the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from him and his churches be notified of the same. After which Rev. O. Miller came forward and begged pardon and was pardoned.

Dr. J. J. Worlds, Rev. J. T. Deans,
Rev. D. T. Best, Rev. J. L. Fennell,
Rev. N. Moore, Rev. C. T. Underwood,
Deacon Thos. Faison, Committee.

Report of Committee on Grievances:

First case before us agalnst Red Hill Church, we decided the church is in accord with gospel order, and recommended the case be taken back to the church.

Second case was one of indictment, started from St. John's Church. Rev. H. Lee having taken charge of a faction of them, which had violated an agreement made by them or their representative. The matter having gone into a Civil court we decided to leave the matter off until the decision of the court. After which the reform faction came before the Association and begged pardon but they were asked to go home and beg pardon to the other faction.

Rev. N. Moore, Rev. D. T. Best,
Rev. W. H. Moore, Deacon G. A. Bizzell,
Deacon S. S. Stevens, Committee.

We your Committee on Asylums ask to make the following report:

As there are so many orphan children and we have a place of refuge for them, we recommend that this Association donate twenty-five dollars to the Colored Oxford Asylum annually, for the purpose of helping to elevate the falling humanity.

Ed. Faison,
For the Committee.

We your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

A constant increasing interest in general education, and to note with unfeigned gratitude the unprecedented success of the Colored Training School, at Faison, N. C., the interest manifested in the establishing of the Union Academy at Clinton, N. C., and the renewed zeal put forth building and fostering, the High School at Magnolia, N. C., the child of our toil, our hopes, our love, our prayers, is assuming a dignity which if attained will prove a great demonstrational factor in eastern North Carolina for which we thank God, for we take pride in stating that eastern North Carolina is manifesting great interest in education as it never has before, and that our high schools which are now being taught and under way of construction well affords ample facilities for the education of our

young men and women, we desire to draw special attention to Shaw University at Raleigh, where our young men and women receive the finishing touch which prepares them to enter the various vocations of life. We believe if the negro problem is to be settled aright it must be settled by intelligence and not ignorance. This being the case the highest welfare of our race lies in general education. Then let the watch word be Education.

J. N. Bennett, D. A. Williams,
A. A. Morresy, George Sampson,
Fred Hill, Committee.

We your Executive Board for 1902, ask to make the following report:

We were called to Long Creek, Pender county, to try to adjust matters of complaints from the former St. John's Church against the Reform St. John's Church. The old church charges the Reform Church for refusing to comply with a guarantee made at Friendship Baptist Church to the Association in 1901, which was a violation, we investigated the complaint and found that Rev. O. Miller and Rev. H. Lee had intermeddled and become a party to the complaint. We condemned the action of the so called Brown faction and the action of Revs. Miller and Lee. You will find Rev. O. Miller's statements in this report. We recommended that Rev. Henry Lee out of order, and recommended him to Hall's Chapel Church for dealing.

S. S. Steven, S. C. Carroll,
M. J. Lee, Rev. N. Moore,
Warren Holmes,
D. A. Williams, Sec., J. T. Deans, Chmn.

A resolution by A. A. Morresy, whereas there are two denominational schools within the K. E. B. Association bounds, Resolved that all the educational money sent to this assocsation be equally divided and what may be collected in this session, between the Magnolia High School and the Clinton Union Academy. The resolution was voted down.

REPORT OF REV. THOS. PARKER, MODERATOR.

Dear Brothers:—The Almighty Father has blessed us another year, and allowed us to gather ourselves together in another session. Let us do more to foster His great cause than ever before. We had thought by the five cents representative plan to get our churches to see that it might do something to raise the great mission work in our bounds and to aid the needy ones and the needy churches, also to aid in the establishing the gospel in needy places, which is every true Christian's duty to do, and when we fail to do that we then fail

to do the things that God requires of us as Christians. Now the five cents is a small matter, and we can pay that if we intend to pay anything, and in some places the members will pay it if the leaders will get out of the way and let them pay it, some will be in the way until God moves them out. Now let us have harmony and union among us, let this 1903 be a year to do more than before.

I am yours for success,

REV. THOMAS PARKER, Moderator.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

	Number of members.	Paid.	Due.
Hallsville	$1.00	$3.00	$2.00
Shoulders Branch	.88	4.40	
Hill's Chapel, in Duplin county	3.16	9.17	6.63
Hill's Chapel, in Pender county	.70	2.00	1.50
Union Chapel	.93	3.45	1.15
Pilgrim Rest	1.05	2.00	3.25
St. John	.43	2.15	
Bear Swamp, S. S., $1.00, Church	3.45	7.45	9.80
Man Hollow	.20	1.00	
Batson Chapel	.12	.60	
Peters Tabernacle	.60	2.50	.50
Mt. Gilead, Education 50c, F. mission 25c,	1.95	9.75	
Hargrove Chapel	1.04	5.20	
Big Ring Grove			
Wilson Chapel	1.50	4.05	3.45
Elizabeth Chapel	.60	2.00	1.00
Littlefield	.36	1.80	
Faison	.50	2.50	
Red Hill	.40	2.00	
Magnolia	1.76	5.00	3.80
Clinton	1.50	7.50	
Lisbon Street	1.00	5.00	
Snow Hill	.42	2.10	
Washington Catharine	.87	4.35	
Academy Grove Street	.75	3.75	
Hall's Chapel	.80	2.75	1.25
First Baptist, Bowden	.29	1.45	
Smith Chapel	.30	1.55	
Eastern Chapel, Foreign mission 5c	1.20	1.50	.50
Maysville	.15	.75	
Johnson Grade	.80	2.25	1.75
Mt. Holly, Foreign mission 5c	.17	.85	
Roseville	2.36	3.09	8.71

	Number of members.	Paid.	Due.
Six Runs	3.39	7.25	9.70
Lanes Chapel, education 10c, H. mission 15c	.28	1.40	
Chinquepin	.83	4.15	
Mt. Pleasant	1.44	2.00	3.70
Shady Grove	.67	3.35	
Beaverdam	.33	3.45	1.00
Brown's Chapel	1.60	3.10	4.90
Cedar Grove	.09	.45	
St. Paul	.30	1.50	
Ingold	.46	2.30	
First Baptist Wilmington	1.00	5.00	
Love Grove			
Island Creek	.44	2.20	
Friendship		2.00	

A. R. Middleton moved that all the money sent to this Association by the churches supporting the Clinton Academy will go to Clinton Union Academy, and all the money sent here by the churches supporting the Magnolia High School will go to Magnolia High School. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Association and so ordered.

The Association adjourned to meet with Eastern Chapel Church at Goldsboro, Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, 1903.

Rev. Thomas Parker, Moderator.

A. R. Middleton, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Restored.	Received.	Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Value of Ch. Property	Pastor's Salary.	Sent for Minute Fund	Time of Preaching
Bear Swamp	1	2	2				25	103	128			6 40	2nd
Hill Chapel, Duplin Co.	11	16		5	16	2	76	240	316		$95 00	9 17	3rd
Lisbon Street	14	7	4	1	4		30	70	100		84 00	5 00	4th
Eastern Chapel	15	2	6	1			58	90	148	$900	75 00	5 50	1st
Chinquepin		4	2	2	5		35	48	83	150	60 00	4 15	2nd
Bowden, 1st Baptist	7	1	5	1	1		8	21	29		50 00	1 45	1st
Hallsville			1	2	10	1	60	40	100		60 00	1 05	3rd
Hall's Chapel	1	4	2	3	15	1			80	25	75 00	3 00	2nd
Washington Catherine									87	200	50 00	4 35	4th
Hill Chapel, Pender Co.		1		1	1		22	48	70	150	41 65	2 00	1st
Clinton	2	3	1	3	1		75	75	150	10	84 00	7 50	2nd
Beaverdam	32	3	2	1	1		33	78	111			3 45	2nd
Snow Hill	4	1		1	1		18	24	42			2 10	4th
Smith Chapel			1				15	16	31	225	50 00	1 55	3rd
Shoulders Branch	13	2		1		2	37	51	88	500	100 00	2 64	4th
Shady Grove	2		1		3		20	47	67	30	60 00	3 35	
Mt. Pleasant	7	2		2			38	76	114	30		2 00	
Mt. Gilead	16		4	2	4		50	145	195	80	75 00	9 75	2nd
Pilgrim Rest					3				105			2 00	
Johnson Grade	9	2	11	2	1		30	50	80	800	55 00	2 25	3rd
Ingold	9	2			1		36	62	98			2 25	3rd
Tomahawk		3		1	2	1	27	40	67		50 00	2 00	1st
Batson Chapel							3	9	12			60	
Maysville			1				6	9	15		18 00	45	
Peter's Tabernacle									60			2 50	3rd
Hargrove Chapel	15						50	54	104			2 50	2nd
Six Runs	6	11		5	15	7	97	242	339	1000	10 00	2 20	
Friendship												2 00	
Magnolia	3	2		5	4				175		65 00	5 00	4th
Elizabeth Chapel	3	2		1					60		24 00	2 00	
Cedar Grove	9		9				4	5	9			45	
Lane's Chapel	1	2	1		2		14	14	28	200	28 00	1 40	
Island Creek									44			2 20	
1st Baptist, Wilmington									100			5 00	
Mt. Holly		7					8	9	17	200	47 00	85	
Man Hollow			2		3		8	12	20			60	
Union Chapel		1		4	5	1	32	60	92			3 45	3rd
Brown's Chapel				2			60	100	160	150	50 00	3 10	3rd
Littlefield	8		3	2	1		16	20	36			1 30	
St. Luke	5	2			2		9	26	35			1 75	
Red Hill				1	1	3	8	33	45			2 00	2nd
Bird's Chapel					1				40	300	65 00	2 00	4th
Faison Chapel	8	2		1	1		20	30	50		45 00	2 50	
Big Piney Grove	14	9	2	5			47	93	140		60 00		4th
Steven's Chapel	3	2	3	3	3		24	24	48		40 00	2 60	
Love Grove	2	2			1	3				50			3rd
Roseville		5		3	3	1	80	156	236				2nd
Academy, Grove St.	1			2	4		33	42	75		72 00	2 25	3rd

Home Missions:—Hall's Chapel $15.00, Lane's Chapel 15c.
Foreign Missions:—Hall's Chapel $1.25, Lane's Chapel 10c.
Education:—Bear Swamp $1.00.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.
Hill's Chapel, in Duplin	Thomas Parker.....Warsaw	W. R. Faison.....Faison, N. C.
Clinton	A. A. Smith.....Mt. Olive	L. H. Bizzell.....Clinton
Hall's Chapel	I. P. Pearsal.....Wilson	William Moore.....Burgaw
Hill's Chapel, in Pender	I. Nixon.....Wilmington	W. L. Bordoax.....Ashton
Hallsville	H. Peterson.....	James Jones.....Hallsville
Washington C	W. C. Cowan.....Taylors Bridge	S. C. Carroll.....South Washington
First Baptist, Bowden	J. R. Coley.....Bowden	W. H. Williams.....Bowden
Chinquepin	J. H. Rhoe.....Wilmington	John Whitty.....Chinquepin
Eastern Chapel	Thos. Parker.....Warsaw	Geo. T. Washington.....Goldsboro
Six Runs	Thos. Parker.....Warsaw	E. Faison.....Elliotte
Hargrove Chapel	J. R. Coley.....Bowden	D. J. Hargrove.....Faison
Wilson Chapel	C. T. Underwood.....Clinton	L. R. Carolton.....Turkey
Peters Tabernacle	W. C. Cowan.....Taylors Bridge	A. C. Bennett.....Corine
Maysville	H. Kelly.....Mt. Olive	Mollie Solice.....Mt. Olive
Batson Chapel	E. D. King.....Scott's Hill	
Tomahawk		R. D. Kerr.....Tomahawk
Ingold	J. T. Deans.....Wilson	J. D. Boykin.....Ingold
Johnson Grade	J. N. McNight.....Benerman	B. E. J. Johnson.....Willard
Pilgrim Rest	O. Miller.....Kerrs	W. T. Newkirk.....Kerrs
Island Creek	G. W. Carr.....Rocky Point	A. Shines.....Castle Hayne
Mt. Gilead	J. T. Deans.....Wilson	Charles Moore.....Mt. Olive
Mt. Pleasant	I. P. Pearsal.....Wilson	A. F. Butler.....Clinton

Lisbon Street	J. T. Deans ..... Wilson	W. H. Ashford ..... Clinton
Shady Grove	K. T. Houston ..... Mt. Olive	
Shoulders Branch	J. R. Coley ..... Bowden	W. M. Dixon ..... Castle Hayne
Smith Chapel	N. Moore ..... Wallace	C. H. Williams ..... McGowan
Snow Hill	D. T. Best ..... Clinton	W. M. Tatum ..... Roseboro
Beaverdam	J. H. Crow ..... Pigsville	M. L. Brewington ..... Clinton
Academy, G. S	J. T. Deans ..... Wilson	D. A. Williams ..... Kenansville
Roseville	D. T. Best ..... Clinton	Greenwood Fennell ..... Blands
Love Grove	A. R. Bennett ..... Wilmington	
Steven's Chapel	K. T. Houston ..... Mt. Olive	A. R. Spenler ..... McClamy
Big Piney Grove	C. T. Underwood ..... Clinton	W. I. Peterson ..... Thomas
Faison Chapel	K. T. Houston ..... Mt. Olive	E. Dimon Shaw ..... Warsaw
Bird's Chapel	W. H. Moore ..... Kerr	I. H. Huffman ..... Rose Hill
Red Hill	I. P. Pearsal ..... Wilson	H. C. Underwood ..... Clinton
St. Luke	K. T. Houston ..... Mt. Olive	G. Z. Kelly ..... Mt. Olive
Littlefield	S. A. Hargrove ..... Roseboro	S. D. Williams ..... Rosin Hill
Brown's Chapel	D. T. Best ..... Clinton	Basker Sampson ..... Clinton
Union Chapel	I. Nixon ..... Wilmington	L. W. Alderman ..... Daughton
Man Hollow	N. Moore ..... Wallace	W. M. Streeter ..... Sloop Point
Mt. Olive	A. R. Bunting ..... Wilmington	J. O. Nixon ..... Castle Hayne
First Baptist Wilmington	I. Nixon ..... Wilmington	
Bear Swamp	Thos. Parker ..... Warsaw	S. W. Allen ..... Warsaw
Lane's Chapel	H. Kelly ..... Mt. Olive	Julia Elliott ..... Mt. Olive
Cedar Grove	A. J. Carolton ..... Bowden	L. F. Faison ..... Turkey
Elizabeth Chapel	S. A. Hargrove ..... Roseboro	Add Boggett ..... Orange
Magnolia	A. D. Kerr ..... Faison	I. S. Moore ..... Magnolia
Friendship		

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business: also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who evince a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem*, who shall open Conference with devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at each regular meeting the Minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, unless by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without permission from the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in all matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instruction of our Lord's Gospel recorded by St. Matthew, 18th chapter, 16th, 17th, and 18th verses. and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church shall be the subjects of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship: and any question may be considered upon the motion of any one who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speaker to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict confirmity to the New Testiment to foster harmony among the churches to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, and to aid in the establishing a High School for education of the people.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of ministers and delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates who shall be members or pastor of that church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church, Provided however, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation. The letter must state the condition of the church and the amounts of money sent up for each and all purposes.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of votes cast, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribution of the same among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep in correspondence with other bodies in good standing.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches and collect one-half the funds during the session and the other half he shall pay to the church where the Association is held, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Auditor at each annual session of the Association to examine carefully the receipts, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the same shall be attached.

Art. 11. This Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members, which committee shall have the supervision of Associational missions and colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Art. 12. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to prsserve Gospel order, or contribute five cents per member as representative fees to the Association annually. Three cents shall go to the expense of the Association and two cents to the High School.

Art. 13. This Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the Association except that of voting.

Art. 14. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 15. By appointment of this Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary, Temperance, Educational and Doctrinal Sermons preached.

Art. 16. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 17. This Association shall contribute to the support of any superanuated minister in good standing in this Association the sum of five dollars per annum.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is made known. In case of his absence, a chairman *pro tem* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding of business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid all personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move for a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. This Association shall have the right to decide what subject shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

COVENANT.

Forasmuch as Almighty God by His Grace, has been pleased to call us, as we hope out of Darkness into His marvelous light; and, all of us have been regularly baptised on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus, and have given up ourselves to the Lord, and to one another in a Gospel Church relation, to be governed and guided by proper discipline, according to God's Word; we do, therefore, in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by His assistance, convenant and agree to keep the discipline of the Church, of which we are members, in the most brotherly affection towards one another, and endeavor punctually to observe the following rules: 1st. In brotherly love to pray for each other, to watch over one another, and if need be in the most tender and affectionate manner to reprove one another; that is if we discover anything amiss in a brother, to go and tell him of his faults, according to the direction given in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew, and not be whispering and backbiting. 2nd. We also agree, with God's assistance, to pray in our families, attend our church meetings, and not to absent ourselves from the communion of the Lord's Supper without a lawful excuse. To be ready to contribute to the defraying of the church expenses, and support of the Missionary, and not irregularly depart from the fellowship of the Church, nor remove to distant churches without a regular dismission.

These things we do covenant and agree to observe and keep sacred, in the name of and by the assistance of the Holy Trinity.

AMEN.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Minister's Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.